

# Candidates ready

By Paul J. Gill

The candidates were there but the students didn't bother.

At the all candidates meeting of the Students' Society elections, a lacklustre performance by aspiring politicians and an indifferent student electorate made for a quiet meeting.

About one hundred students were on hand to hear the speeches of the various candidates although it appeared that most students were present only because they would normally be in the course during this time.

The controversial Scott Nelson was once again the centre of attention, questioned a number of times about his behavior in the past. Asked why there was no "booze cruise" this year he responded that the society had difficulty procuring a boat because of the problems with rowdy behavior that occurred at the event last year. Last year Nelson was one of the people accused of creating a disturbance on the cruise.

Paul Davidson, one of the few students in attendance at the meeting, repeatedly questioned Nelson about his behavior in the past while President of the DCSS. Nelson avoided specifics in any of

his answers.

Davidson, asked why he was agitated by Nelson's candidacy, commented, "he (Nelson) was ousted once by the students and he thinks his personality will over ride that, how stupid does he think the students' are?"

When asked about race relations at Douglas College, Anthony (Tony) Balasubramanian a vice-presidential candidate replied "I have not in all my time at Douglas seen a whole lot of it (racism), personally I feel that the people who bring up this issue are the problem".

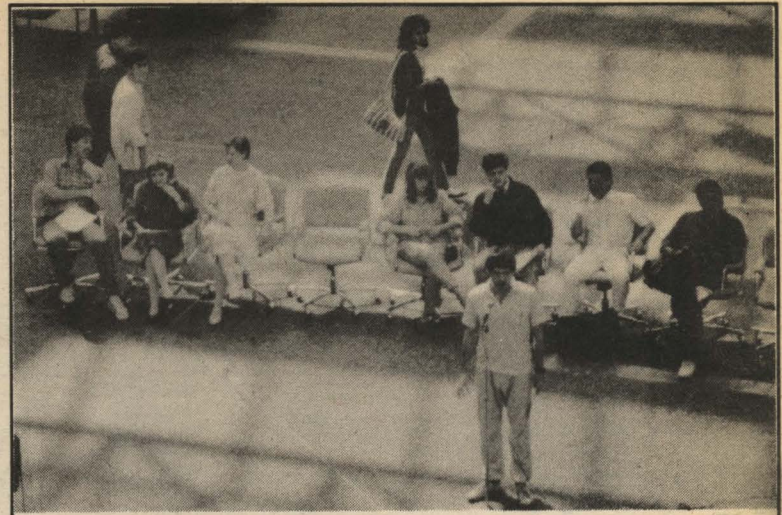
Fiona Cairnes, also running for vice president commented that this (race relations) was an issue that had to be met and that bettering race relations was something that had to be ongoing. Cairnes, questioned about her stand on a number of issues including CFS, refused to make any commitment or give her own opinions on any of the questions posed, rather, she stated she could not make up her mind until students told her what to do.

Presidential candidate Brett Regan Demerais, who circulated an allegedly copyrighted statement, added color to the otherwise mundane meeting by telling the students that "I must be crazy".

Billing himself as the "happily divorced and presentable" candidate Demerais stated "the main reason that I am running is if I got the position my tuition would be paid for".

Other candidates at the meeting included Anena Johnston who is running for president, and Sandra Glass who was running for president but has now withdrawn her nomination.

Candidates that were unable to attend the meeting were: Petra Bangemann; president, Dominic Brookes; president, Kamal Al-Romeshi; vice president, Shane Polak; treasurer, and Marnie Willis; secretary.



Student Society executive All-Candidates Meeting; half of the candidates and none of the students showed up to hear platform speeches. Here Brett Demerais stands in a less offensive pose.

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## THE OTHER PRESS

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## Other Editorials

### That time of the year agian

It's that time of year again when aspiring politicians brave the student electorate and put their name forward.

This years election is interesting only in that it is so boring. Not that there isn't any controversy, but because the candidates have not done a very good job of campaigning.

We may be witnessing the return of the most known face (thanks to the OP) around the college. Scott Nelson who was in almost every issue of the Other Press before (and after) his impeachment by the students is running again.

This particular politician who has mastered the trade well could actually be the next Student Society president. The question is how long will he remain in office this time. There is talk of an ABS movement (Anybody But Scott), but will this be enough.

Nelson is already involved in a controversy regarding his performance at the Man in Motion social. A complaint has been filed with the Student Society Disciplinary committee and it's a shame that it won't be heard before the vote on Thursday.

As for the other candidates, well if you went to the all candidates meeting you would know why the paper has had such difficulty covering the campaign.

On Thursday, the students will make a choice as to who the govern-

ment will be for the next year. Some choice. The Other Press does urge everyone to vote as is their right in a democracy but we also feel for you in the difficult decision that you face.

From the Other Press to all the candidates Good Luck, and that goes for Scott Nelson too, for he has made for good copy.

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### Nelson, the sane alternative

This election we see that Mr. Nelson is running for President, again. Last semester Mr. Nelson was impeached for willful and total abrogation of his duties as President. If you, being a student of Douglas College, want to vote in a sane manner then vote for Mr. Nelson. He is obviously the best choice to represent you given his past reputation which includes:

- 1/ ejection from numerous socials,
- 2/ having all Douglas College boat cruises cancelled forever,
- 3/ Assaulting a volunteer at a benefit for Rick Hanson.

Mr. Nelson is obviously a better choice than all of the other candidates, because anyone who is bold enough to run after all of that deserves something. However if I were to mention what he should get, it would be libelous.

Personally, I am offended that Mr. Nelson would run after what he has done in the past. My question is that given his reputation, can he adequately represent the

student body of this college?

The intent of this letter was not to cast aspersions at Mr. Nelson's character; it is a critical analysis of the position of President. The President of the Student Society is an elected official who represents the student body. If any credibility is to be given to Douglas College, then our president should be an outstanding member of the society. Outstanding should not be in terms of past offences.

Insulted & Assaulted  
David Mills

### Candidate spurns photo

By David Mills

The photographers for the Other Press have come under criticism by presidential candidate Brett Demerais, who raised a stir about a photo taken for the Student Society at the all candidates meeting held on March 26.

The photo was a candid shot taken of Demerais at the microphone speaking to the audience.

"We took several shots of Brett and submitted the best one to the Student Society," said photographer Nicholas Tanner.

Demerais vehemently rejected the photo submitted to the Chief Returning Officer of the upcoming election, John Blauuw, and demanded that a different photo be used. The photo was replaced.

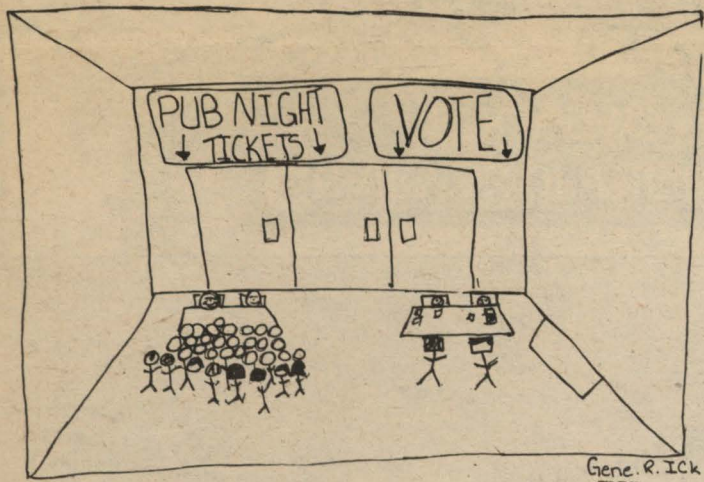
Demerais refused an interview saying, "I feel that the Other Press is biased against me, so I wouldn't agree to an interview."

### An Apology from the O.P.

We here at the Other Press apologize for the break in our weekly service involved with our last issue. Due to the inevitable "burn-out factor" involved with putting out 10 weekly issues in a row our staff was overcome and we were forced to take a week off.

We are back with issue 11 and hope to continue our weekly tradition until the end of the semester.

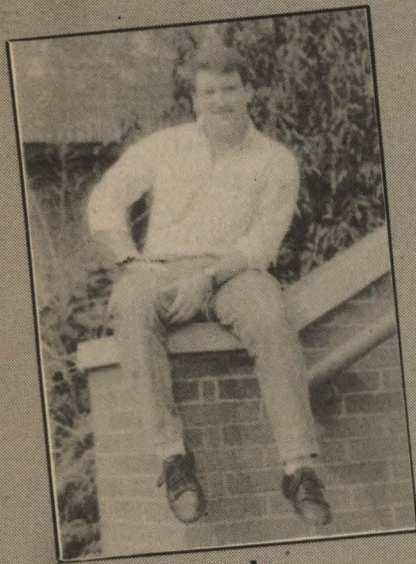
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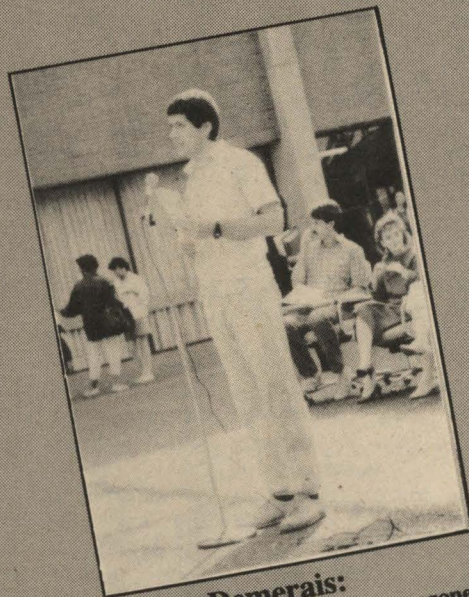
# President



**Dominic Brooks:**  
Couldn't make the meeting, he was curling. Has a basically single-issue platform.



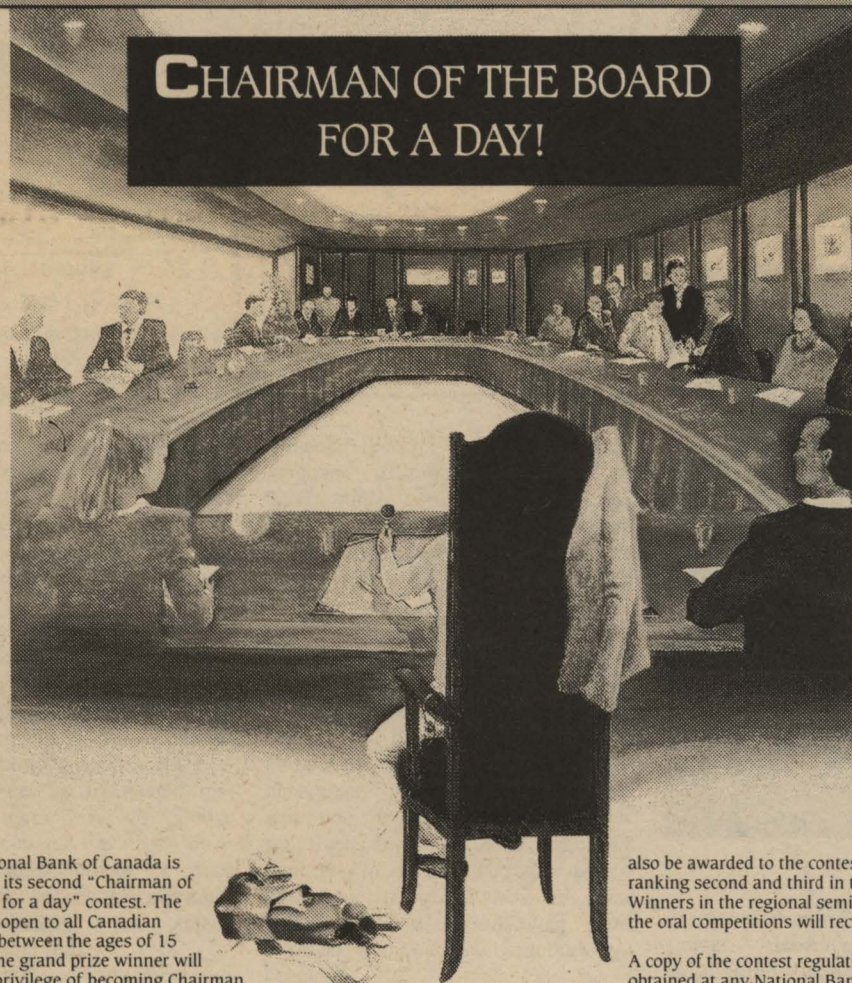
**Petra Bangemann:**  
Wasn't at the meeting but, "I'm a tough act to follow." (?) Has been a successful rep. in the past.



**Brett Demerais:**  
What can we say, only the ozone knows for sure.



**Anena Johnston:**  
Uninspiring, but that doesn't mean she wouldn't do a good job.



## CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FOR A DAY!

The National Bank of Canada is launching its second "Chairman of the Board for a day" contest. The contest is open to all Canadian residents between the ages of 15 and 19. The grand prize winner will have the privilege of becoming Chairman of the Board of the National Bank of Canada for a day.

Again this year, the contest will be held in three stages and will consist of written and oral competitions. Winners will be chosen by a jury.

### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

In the first stage of the contest, participants send a typed essay of a maximum of three (3) pages to their nearest National Bank of Canada branch, explaining: "How do you envision an ideal society and what can today's youth do to help achieve it?" The essays judged the most interesting will be retained and their authors will be invited to meet with the jury for the second stage of the contest: the regional semi-finals of the oral competitions. The regional semi-final winners will then be invited to the Bank's Head Office on June 24 (all expenses paid) to meet with the jury for the final of the oral competitions.

also be awarded to the contestants ranking second and third in the final. Winners in the regional semi-finals of the oral competitions will receive \$150.

A copy of the contest regulations may be obtained at any National Bank of Canada branch.

### DESCRIPTION OF PRIZES

In addition to becoming Chairman of the Board of the National Bank of Canada for a day, the grand prize winner of the final in Montreal will receive shares of the National Bank of Canada (worth \$2,000). Prizes of \$1,250 and \$650 will

### CONTEST DATES

The contest opens February 23, 1987 and essays must be received by the Bank before midnight, April 12, 1987. An entry form and birth certificate must be enclosed with the essay for the first (written) stage of the contest.

### ENTRY FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE (BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_ LANGUAGE OF ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

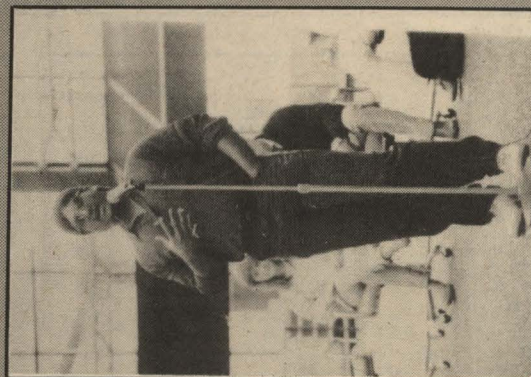
ADDRESS OF BRANCH TO WHICH YOU ARE SENDING YOUR ESSAY: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Vice-President



**Tony Balasubramanian:**

At least he had some opinions. Right or wrong is up to you. Too bad he dropped out at the last minute.



## Rite Professional Services

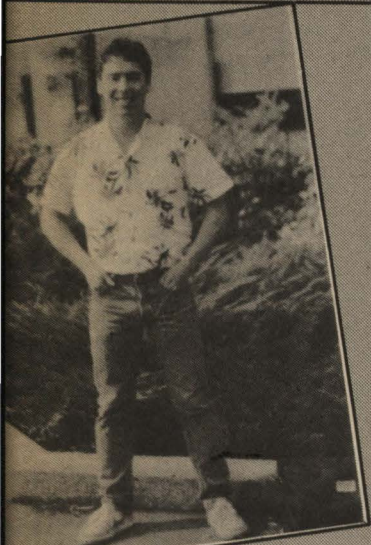
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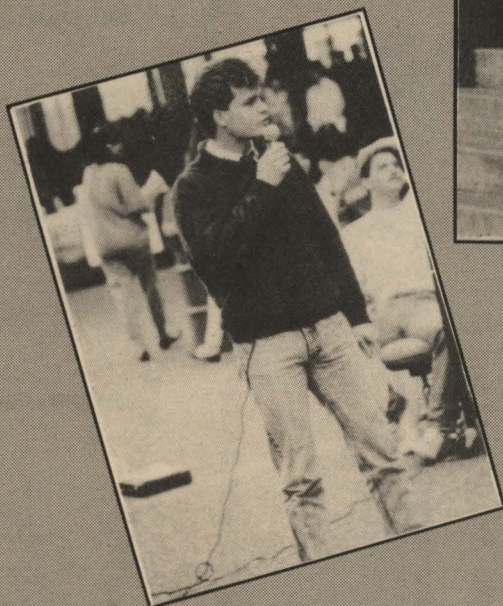
# Secretary



**Scott Nelson:**  
Questions, controversy and accusations remain. Would you buy a used car from this guy?



**Sandra Glass:**  
Unfortunately she has withdrawn from the race.

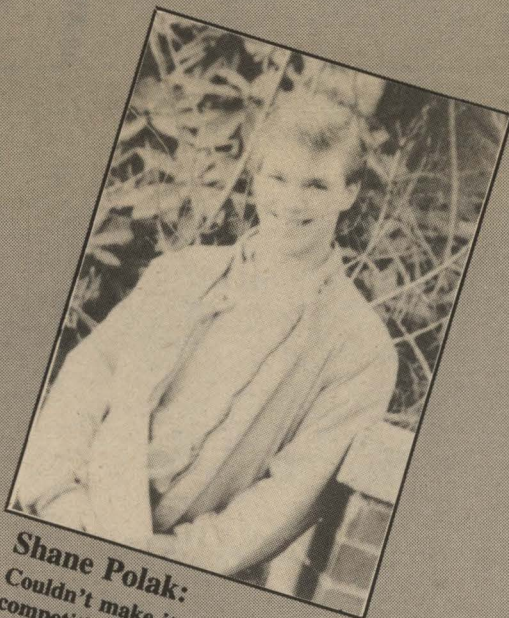
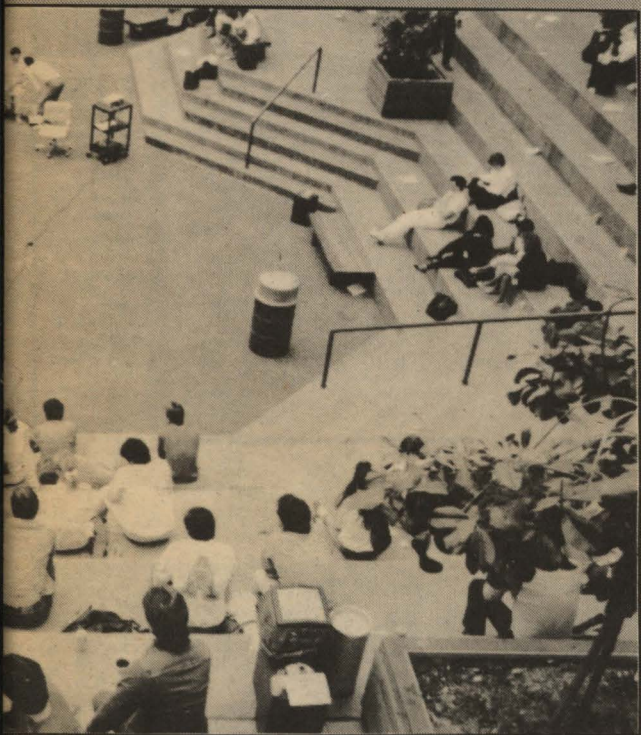


**Rick Shepard:**  
Not just another nice haircut, has a good platform too. Oh Rick, who is the Union of United Steel Workers Federation? Perhaps you meant to say The United Steel Workers of America.



**Marni Willis:**  
Wasn't at the meeting. She has experience but her platform rates a zero.

# Treasurer



**Shane Polak:**  
Couldn't make it but he has tough competition.

## Great Deals for College Students!

Show your student card and receive 10% off almost all items in the store!

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- Apple, Commodore, IBM, Atari, Mac and Amiga

### CALCULATORS

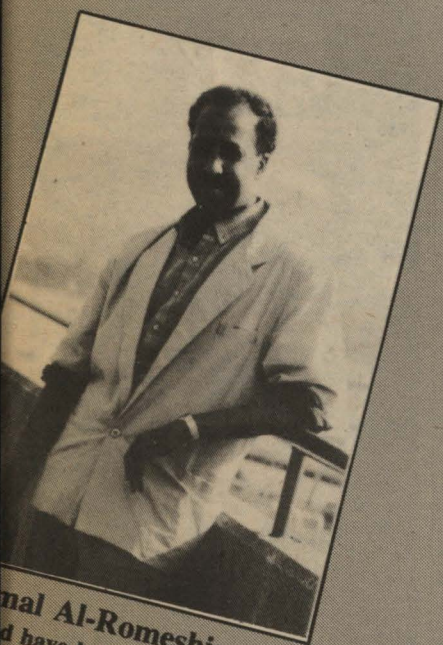
- Texas Instruments, Casio, Hewlett Packard, Cannon and Sharp

### VIDEO GAMES

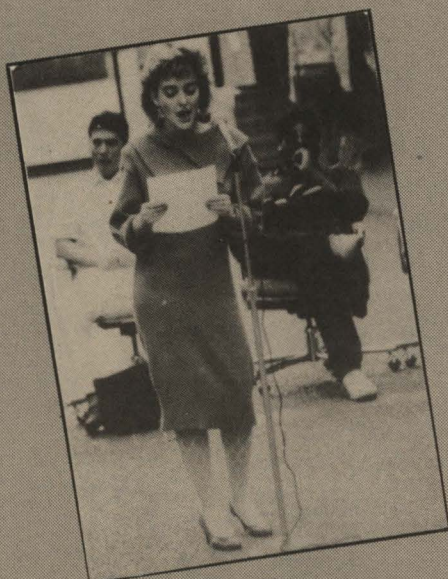
- Nintendo, Intellivision and Sega

## COMPUCENTRE

Lougheed Mall, Burnaby  
421-5151



**Al-Romeshi:**  
d have been nice if he had up.



**Fiona Cairns:**  
Smooth talker, appears to have all the right stuff, but she side-stepped every question asked.



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restaurant + lounge

606 - 12th street  
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- Offer not valid with any other promotion.

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# THE OTHER PUBLICATIONS SOCIETY

...announces the opening of nominations for the position of member at large to serve on the society's Board of Directors. Candidates must have at least five signatures from the society's membership book and be signed members themselves. Nominations close on April 2nd, 1987. Nomination forms are available in room 1602 on Wednesdays from 2:00 pm til 5:00 pm.

## Duties of Member at Large

- Administer the affairs of the society
- Attend weekly board meetings
- Sit on committees as required

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The society will be holding its AGM at 12:00 noon on Thursday, April 16th, 1987 in rm 1602. All students are encouraged to attend and can register as a voting member by signing the society's membership book at least 24 hours before the meeting. Constitutional amendments and notices of motion must be presented in rm 1602 by 12:00 noon, Thursday, April 2nd to be considered at the AGM.

### CURRENT AGENDA

1. Reports
2. Levy adjustment
3. Other Business

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